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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing as a very concerned consumer in reference to the ordeal happening with Microsoft. I am very concerned at the fact that this is even happening to begin with. Microsoft is a company whose products are very much in high demand and are also highly dependable and reliable. I believe that this very dedication to product quality is what makes them successful. When Microsoft was charged with Antitrust violations I wanted to know just how this came about. I later found that that this is not even a consumer driven issue. I found out that Microsoft's competitors who did not have the same amount of innovation and quality are the ones who began the whole process. In essence these whole proceedings are highly immoral: You are attempting to punish someone for being innovated and dedicated to EARNING wealth through putting out a better product. I work with computers quite often and I am very discriminate when it comes to what I buy. I don't just buy it because it is there. By breaking up Microsoft you are in essence providing welfare for the less competent companies and therefore I will be forced to buy product from someone who is not as good. This is preposterous and completely unacceptable. To think that in this country out of all places, a company is being punished for being efficient and successful, while the ones that are doing less of a job get the rewards, makes me sick and leaves me little reason to even want to enter the marketplace as a businessman for fear of being successful. If you punish Microsoft, you will set a precedence which in turn will destroy everything good about American business: We will show our children that being mediocre is better than achieving your highest potential, that knowing people in high places is better than relying on knowledge and experience, and worst of all, you will leave us with no philosophical ground for us to stand on against anyone that may disagree with our way of life and our country. Many things are riding on this decision. I hope for the sake of the future of American (and worldwide business for that matter) that you make the right decision. Punishing the successful

and rewarding the incompetent is UNAMERICAN and highly UNETHICAL.

Yours Truly,

Ed Matus

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